Friday. 1919 Atheham.

Dearest,

I have another suggestion to make about the woodcuts. Might'nt we print them, not in a book, but as separate sheets, one wood cut to one sheet? We would get a certain number of people, the ones you suggested if possible, to do two or three wood cuts each; we would send out notices to say that we were printing a set of wood cuts by different artists, which we would sell in sets in envelopes. Then it would be open to the buyer of the set to order separate mon copies of any single wood cut. By this method, all difficulties of binding, cover, title page, would be got over, & one would probably do more justice to the woodcuts if they were on separate sheets; also I think people would prefer them in this form, as they could easily be framed, or pinned up. Also I expect many people would want to buy extra copies of one of the wood cuts, without having to buy a whole book over again. In addition, it would be much simpler & considerably cheaper to do, & after issueing the sets we could print off separate copies as they were ordered, so we should run less risk. The artist whose work was liked would make more profit, which

seems fair.

This only occurred to me yesterday, & I haven't thought out any details of payment &c.; but Leonard thinks favourably of the plan, which seems to involve no aesthetic judgment on our part, & we would like to know if you think there is anything in it.

I hope you will consider it, not only because I think there is a good deal to be said for it but also because I should very much like to produce your Duncans pictures. NYPL

Yr B

We shall be at Firle post office ~~to-morrow~~ on Sunday ~~(Saturday)~~ at 3.30, as we want to have a picnic in those woods. If you could come at wd. be very nice & we cd. discuss it. We will anyhow bring a tea cup & enough tea for you in case you come, but don't bother, as we are going anyhow - only if fine of course.

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Att 21st Sept. 1917

Dearest,

The weather has been too vile for anything. Dregment is still here — in fact, I think he means to stay till Monday.

I am full of envy of Roger. How crafty of him to stick in a have a whole week of it to himself! I fear I have promised to write a long article upon Henry James, & the book may arrive in a day or two, in which case I should have to spend next week doing it, & it means such a lot of reading as well as writing. that there wouldn't be much print in coming to you — Or it mayn't come till the end of the week.

Would it suit you if I came on Monday 1st for one or 2 nights? of course it would be ideal to see you alone, but I fear that can't be managed, unless indeed Roger didn't

come to you for Wednesday, & how I could come this next Monday? You might let me know if there's any chance of this.

I'm very sorry about your domestic worries. I spoke to Mrs Hammond this morning, & she said she would like to think it over. I think it wd. be a good thing if you could tell me when you want her, & if you want her permanently, & what wages you pay. She is very nice & clean, I think, & was a housemaid, though she's not much of a cook. She seemed quite favourable, but she's very silent. I will certainly ask Nelly if she falls through. I think one ought easily to be able to find someone among their friends. Couldn't I see about a governess in London? The Carey's might know of one. Shall I write to them — a nursery governess, do you call her?

I'm glad the kodak was all right: I thought it would be. But on the other hand, I'm sorry that my idea about the woodcut won't work. Couldn't we invent another?

Yr B.

NYPL

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24 Sep 1917.

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Athelm. Monday,

Dearest,

I have just seen this advertisement in the Times today,

No Salary. Young lady with Oxford Senior Certificate wishes to teach & take care of children, in family or school. Time for study required.

Advertiser, Box F. 95, The Times, Printing House Sqre.
London. E.C.4.

She could be shut up to study in the evenings, & so be no bother at all.

I've just come back from Lewes, where I sent you a card, which I daresay you won't get, though I posted it myself. I met Duncan at Glynde. I hope we shall be able to arrange a meeting before we go. I think we stay until about the 4th. My difficulty, as

I explained in the last letter, is about a review which I may have to do this week — but this is uncertain, so you'd better say what suits you, & then I'll try & manage it.

Mrs. Hammond asked whether I'd heard from you about wages & when you want her to. I think she is probably considering it. She is very nice, silent, clean, & has a large "step boy" who does for us & we send entirely without help, & manages very well — in fact I think it much nicer than having 2.

NYPL

Yr B.

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26 Sept 1917

Asheham House,
Rodmell,
Lewes.

1918

Wednesday.

Dearest,

What an age it takes to get a letter from Charleston to Asheham! I got yours this morning. About our plans of meeting — we should of course be delighted if you & Roger would come to tea & stay to dinner tomorrow (Thursday). If you don't. I could come on Friday & spend the night, though I feel this is rather hard upon Roger, who has already had one of his days taken from him. Or I could come for lunch & go back after tea. On Friday. What I had meant was to stay a night with you on our way back — say Thursday next week. but I daresay this wouldn't suit — night — fit in.

I spoke to Mrs Hammond, who says that she has promised to stay with a sister in law & therefore only wanted a temporary place. I told her I thought you could probably arrange for Ivy to stay a week or 2 longer,

if that would do. She said she would like to think it over. I daresay it would be a good thing if you could see her yourself (as you could do if you came on Thursday) as with a little management I believe she would come — She is certainly very clean & hard working, & very sensible nice sort of person, as far as I can tell.

I talked to Duncan about the wood cuts, — he said he would like to do some, if we undertook the whole thing. Would you think this possible for yourself? —

However, we could talk this over, if, as I hope, we manage to meet.

I'm taking this to catch the evening post, — have hopes it may reach you by the second post tomorrow.

If I come on Friday, I will come to lunch if I'm going back after tea; & to tea, if I'm going to stay the night.

Yrs B.

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Ashcham.

Wednesday.

Dearest,

I have looked through the Governesses in the East Sussex News but there aren't any this week' — I will get a Tutor at Eastbourne — So I will tell them to send you a copy on Friday, which is the day it comes out. I think it would be worth your while to go to the Sussex Registry Office in Friars Walk about 5 minutes from the station in Lewes; first turn to the right, past the Churchyard. There is rather a nice woman there, though she deals in servants, very likely she would have someone just above a servant, or another could

tell you the best way of getting hold of a Governess.

By the way, if you do want that carpet, we shall be very glad for you to have it, as it is probably only getting the mildew. I will tell Mrs Atwood that you may call for it some day. I think you had better call at her house for the key, if you do come, as she gets rather alarmed, if people get in without her knowledge.

NYPL

I enjoyed myself very much, I need hardly say, & I think my behaviour was irreproachable. I tried to sing the Wolf song this morning, till Quentin. Would you send me (to Hogarth) the recipes? I did the tea cakes from memory today. They were a great success.

Yr B.

Mrs. Atwood's hen has started laying, so perhaps a red comb does foretell it